

**Abstract**

[0033] A method, system and server for selectively sending out notification to a message recipient when a new message is available for retrieval. A sender sends a message to a recipient. A first server receives the message and detects a condition for forwarding the message to a second server. The first server further detects an internal  
5 setting for sending or not sending a notification alerting the recipient of the presence of the message. Based on this setting, the first server inserts an indication in a copy of the message that is forwarded to the second server. Upon receipt of the copied message by the second server, the former knows whether or not the first server has already issued a notification to the recipient, and uses this information for selectively sending out a  
10 notification only in cases where the first server has not sent such notification.